

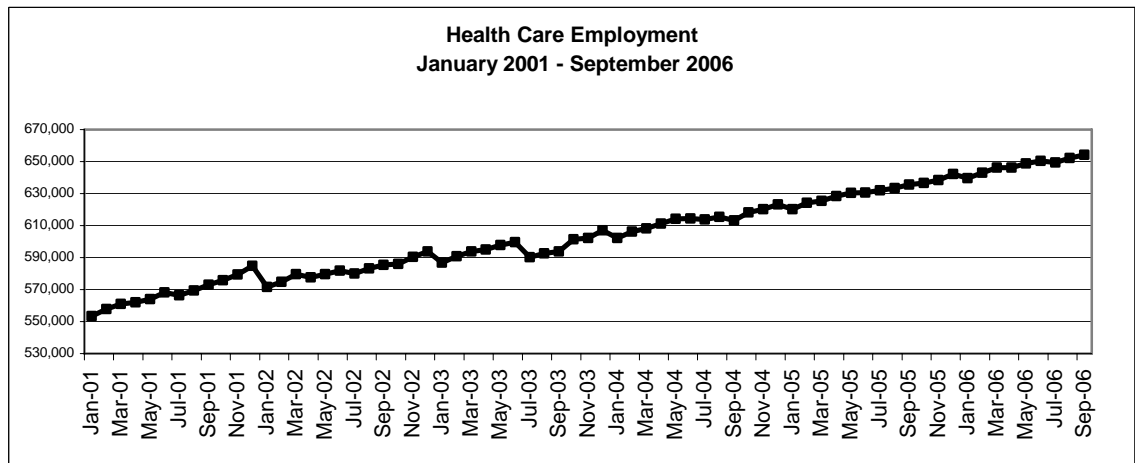
# Florida Health Care Industry Labor Market Industry Profile



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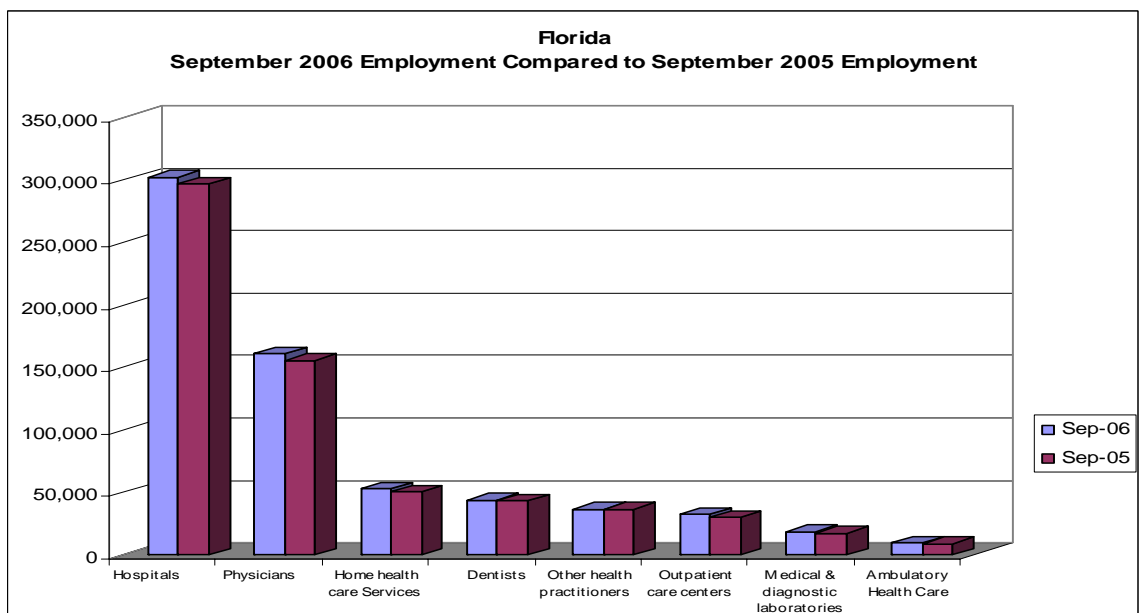
## Florida Health Care Industry

- The health care industry includes the following sectors: offices of physicians, dentists, and other health practitioners; outpatient care centers; medical and diagnostic laboratories; home healthcare services; other ambulatory health care services; and hospitals.
- The health care industry sector had 37,709 establishments in September 2006 with employment of 654,187, up 18,530 jobs from September 2005, with the majority of the increase found in hospitals (+5,469, +1.8 percent) and offices of physicians (+5,347, +3.3 percent).



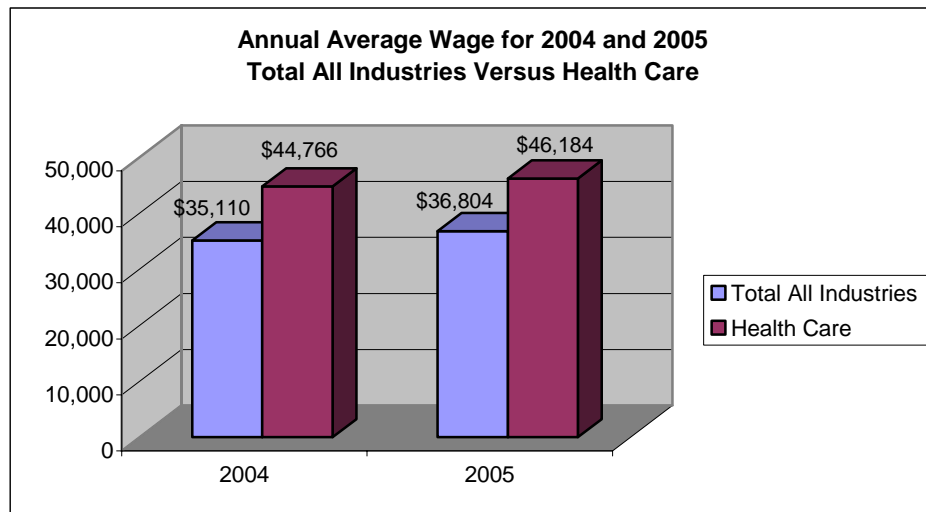
**Source:** Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW).

- The largest industries in health care in September 2006 were hospitals (301,756 jobs) and offices of physicians (160,470 jobs). These two industries make up 70.7 percent of health care employment.



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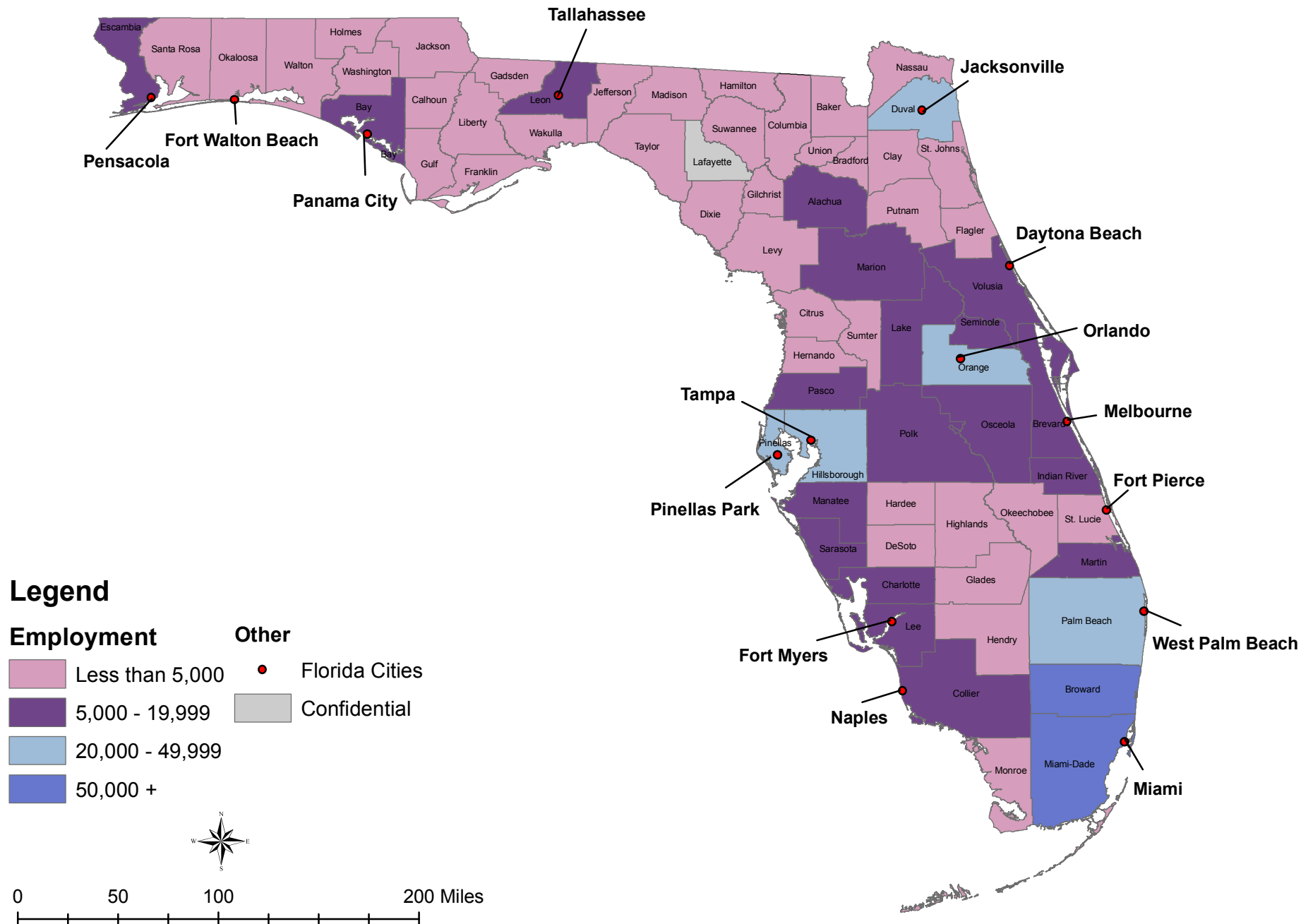
- The 2005 annual average wage for workers in the health care industry was \$46,184, exceeding the state's total annual average wage of \$36,804 by 25 percent.



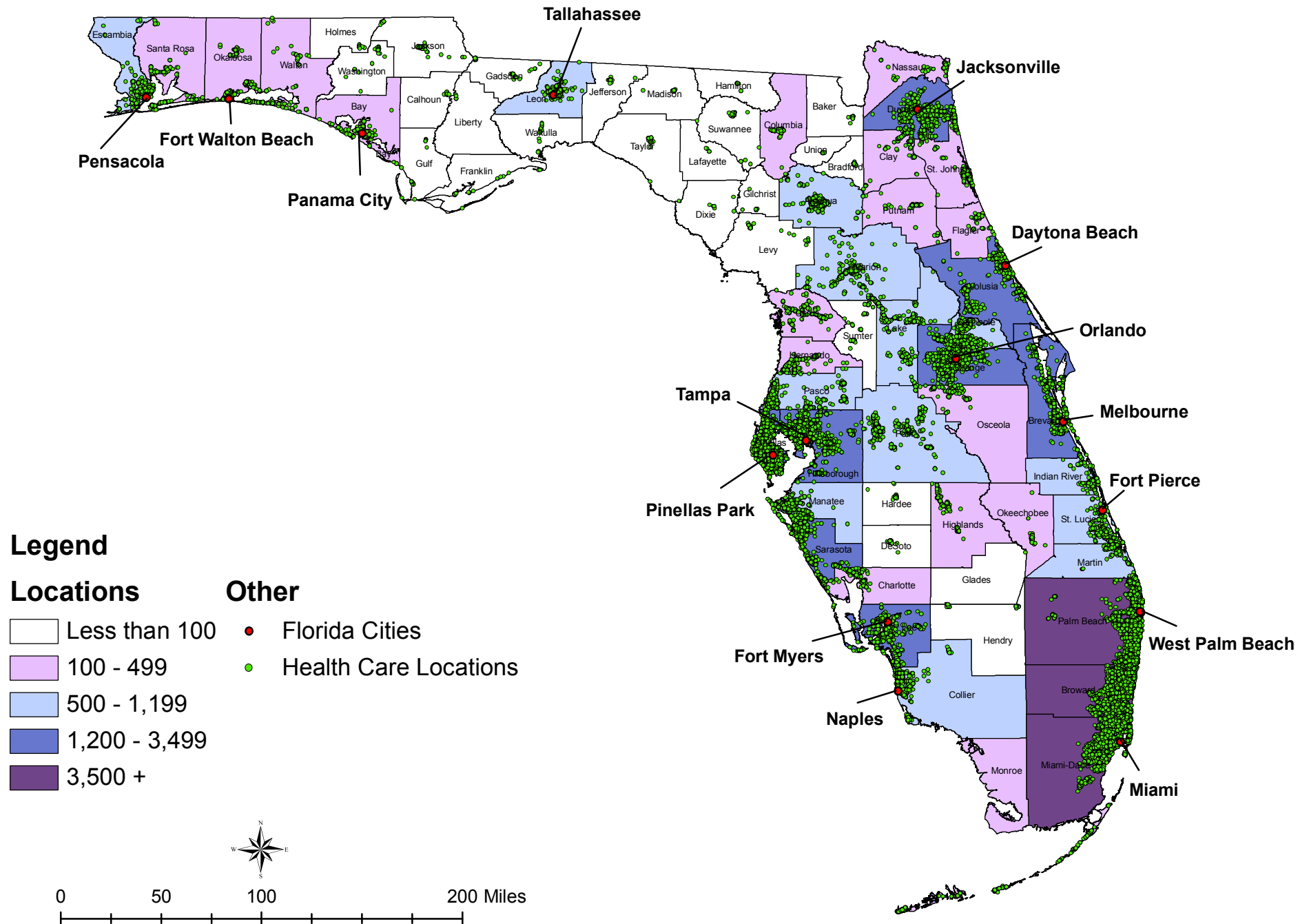
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- Although the primary function of the health care industry is to diagnose and treat persons with medical problems, of the fifteen largest occupations in this industry, nine provide direct patient care.
- Employment in the health care industry is concentrated in the southeast and central parts of the state. The counties with the highest concentrations include: Broward, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Orange, Palm Beach, and Pinellas. Because of confidentiality, employment in the health care industry could not be displayed in one of Florida's sixty-seven counties (Lafayette).
- In the health care industry, the occupations with the most employment are: registered nurses, nursing aides, medical assistants, medical secretaries, and receptionists. These five occupations make up approximately one-third (34.5%) of the employment in the health care industry.

# Health Care Employment



# Health Care Establishments by Location



Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center, ALMIS Resource Center Employer Database, InfoUSA Inc., 2007, 2nd Edition, Prepared June 2007.

- The top fifteen occupations, listed in the table below, represent approximately 56 percent of the employment in the health care industry

Health Care Industry							
Florida Statewide							
Occupation Title	Employment		Annual Change		% of Industry	2006 Average Wage	Training Requirement
	2006	2014	Total	Percent	Total		
Registered Nurses	111,092	137,959	3,358	3.02	17.61	26.86	Associate's Degree
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	28,839	35,124	786	2.72	4.57	10.58	Postsecondary Vocational
Medical Assistants	27,070	37,557	1,311	4.84	4.29	12.32	Postsecondary Vocational
Medical Secretaries	26,243	30,279	505	1.92	4.16	12.86	Postsecondary Vocational
Receptionists and Information Clerks	24,420	30,492	759	3.11	3.87	10.71	High School Diploma
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	20,085	23,068	373	1.86	3.18	18.15	Postsecondary Vocational
Office Clerks, General	19,237	22,416	397	2.07	3.05	11.36	High School Diploma
Home Health Aides	15,616	20,771	644	4.13	2.48	9.60	Postsecondary Vocational
Dental Assistants	13,866	18,251	548	3.95	2.20	14.18	Postsecondary Vocational
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	12,252	15,040	349	2.84	1.94	22.55	Associate's Degree
Family and General Practitioners	11,401	14,165	346	3.03	1.81	76.93	Masters or Higher
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	11,316	11,966	81	0.72	1.79	12.71	Postsecondary Vocational
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	11,178	13,198	253	2.26	1.77	17.31	Postsecondary Vocational
Billing and Posting Clerks and Machine Operators	11,135	12,171	130	1.16	1.76	13.64	High School Diploma
Dental Hygienists	9,693	12,759	383	3.95	1.54	25.43	Associate's Degree

**Source:** Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center, 2006 wage data, Forecast to 2014.

- Registered nurses are the largest occupation within the health care industry with an average wage of \$55,869 or \$26.86 per hour.
- All of the top fifteen largest health care occupations are projected to gain jobs during the next eight years. Home health aides are projected to grow the fastest of the top fifteen.
- Average hourly wage ranges from a high of \$76.93 for family and general practitioners to a low of \$9.60 for home health aides.
- The highest paying occupation in the health care industry is family and general practitioners (\$76.93 per hour).
- Higher wages are found in occupations with greater training requirements.
- Of the largest occupations within the health care industry, the majority require postsecondary vocational skills. Only three of the largest occupations require only a high school diploma. The rest require a postsecondary, associate, masters or higher.